

THE LOATS FEMALE ORPHAN  
ASYLUM OF FREDERICK CITY  
IN THE COUNTY OF FREDERICK,  
A BODY CORPORATE OF THE  
STATE OF MARYLAND,  
East Church Street,  
Frederick, Maryland

vs.

FLORENCE L. ESSOM,  
Westminster, Maryland,  
AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS,  
DEVISEES, PERSONAL  
REPRESENTATIVES, DESCEN-  
DANTS OR SUCCESSORS OF  
JOHN LOATS, DECEASED,  
AND OF LOUIS LOATS,  
DECEASED

NO. 18770 EQUITY  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

FOR

FREDERICK COUNTY,

MARYLAND

IN EQUITY

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THE ANSWER OF BERTIE HOBBS, ETHEL V. KELLY,  
LYDIA S. DAVIS, LOTTIE S. McCARTIN, SADIE  
SCHAFFER, FREDERICK W. STERNER, BEATRICE S.  
HUBER, EVELYN STERNER PEARCE, HERBERT C.  
LOATS, SUSIE BYRNE, ~~HARRY~~ A. LOATS, MARGARET  
STABLER, LEROY F. STERNER and GEORGE E. STERNER

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF SAID COURT:

The Answer of Bertie Hobbs, Ethel V. Kelly, Lydia S. Davis, Lottie S. McCartin, Sadie Schaffer, Frederick W. Sterner, Beatrice S. Huber, Evelyn Sterner Pearce, Herbert C. Loats, Susie Byrne, ~~Harry~~ A. Loats, Margaret Stabler, Leroy F. Sterner and George E. Sterner, heirs at law, devisees, descendants and successors of John Loats, deceased, Defendants, by Leroy W. Preston, their solicitor, to the Bill of Complaint of the Loats Female Orphan Asylum of Frederick City, in the County of Frederick, State of Maryland, a body corporate of the State of Maryland, and the Order of Publication thereto, filed against them and others in this Court and answering the same herein respectfully says:

1. That they admit all the matters and facts set forth and alleged in the first paragraph of said Bill of Complaint, excepting the allegation that the plaintiff has been the owner of the land therein described, which they deny. Further answering said paragraph, your Respondents say that the title to said property was vested in the plaintiff under said Will and deed, but became divested upon the happening of a condition subsequent, namely, the failure in